

# News Release



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## CASUAL IMPRESSIVE IN FRIDAY FEATURE AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, May 22, 2020)** – Regally-bred 3-year-old filly **Casual** remained unbeaten in two starts with a 1 ¼-length victory over 29-1 longshot **She Can't Sing** in Friday's \$81,765 feature race at Churchill Downs.

The daughter of 2007-08 Horse of the Year Curlin out of multiple Grade I-winner Lady Tak pressed pacesetter **Nayibeth** in the early stages of the seven-furlong sprint and edged clear late in the stretch under a steady drive to stop the teletimer in 1:22.26.

Ridden by **Ricardo Santana Jr.** and trained by **Steve Asmussen**, Casual paid \$5.80 to win as the second betting choice. The **Chad Brown**-trained **Center Aisle** finished fifth as the favorite.

Casual earned \$46,560 for her owners, **John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Holdings Inc.** and **Ed McGhee's Stretch Run Ventures LLC**.

“She was extremely impressive today,” Santana said. “She got pressure today but you can tell she’s getting better each day. She’s a really nice filly and has a bright future ahead of her.”

Betting at Churchill Downs on Friday totaled \$8,271,759.

Racing beneath the Twin Spires will continue Saturday at 1 p.m. (all times Eastern) with an 11-race program billed as “Stephen Foster Preview Day.” Five of the races are stakes events, led by the \$150,000 Matt Winn (GIII) for 3-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles which kicks off the Road to the Kentucky Derby extension with 50 points going to the winners.

There is a \$87,656 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot on Races 6-11, and a \$44,229 carryover in the \$1 Super Hi-5 for the final race of the day. Saturday’s 50-cent All-Stakes Late Pick 5 on Races 7-11 will feature a \$500,000 guaranteed pool.

Racing from Churchill Downs on Saturday will air of **FS2** from 1-2:30 p.m. and **FS1** from 2:30-6:30 p.m. as part of FOX Sports’ “America’s Day at the Races” coverage. It also will be broadcast on **MSG+** (1-6:30 p.m.), **FOX Sports Ohio** (3-5:30 p.m.) and **FOX Sports South** (3-5:30 p.m.).

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